IN THE CLAIMS

Please **cancel** claims 2-19 without prejudice.

Please **amend** claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A solid controlled release oral dosage form, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of tramadol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof incorporated into a matrix, said dosage form providing a therapeutic effect for at least about 24 hours.

Please **add** new claims 21-41 as follows:

21. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein said matrix is a controlled release matrix.

22. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein said matrix is overcoated with a controlled release coating.

23. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 22, wherein said matrix is a normal release matrix.

24. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 22, wherein said matrix is a controlled release matrix.

25. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 1, containing from about 50 to 800mg of tramadol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, calculated as the hydrochloride salt.

26. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 1, having a dissolution rate in-vitro when measured using the Ph. Eur. Paddle Method at 100 rpm in 900 ml 0.1N hydrochloric acid at 37°C and using UV detection at 270 nm, from about 0 to about 50% tramadol released after 1 hour; from about 0 to about 75% tramadol released after 2 hours; from about 10 to about 95% tramadol released after 4 hours; from about 35 to about 100% after 8 hours; from about 55 to about 100% tramadol released after 12 hours; from about 70 to about 100% tramadol released after 16 hours; and greater than 90% tramadol released after 24 hours, by weight.

27. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 1, having a dissolution rate in-vitro when measured using the Ph. Eur. Paddle Method at 100 rpm in 900 ml 0.1N hydrochloric acid at 37°C and using UV detection at 270 nm, from about 0 to about 30% tramadol released after 1 hour; from about 0 to about 40% tramadol released after 2 hours; from about 3 to about 55% tramadol released after 4 hours; from about 10 to about 65% after 8 hours; from about 20 to about 75% tramadol released after 12 hours; from about 30 to about 88% tramadol released after 16 hours; from about 50 to about 100% tramadol released after 24 hours and greater than 80% tramadol released after 36 hours, by weight.

28. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 1, having a dissolution rate in-vitro when measured using the Ph. Eur. Paddle Method at 100 rpm in 900 ml 0.1N hydrochloric acid at 37°C and using UV detection at 270 nm, from about 15 to about 25% tramadol released after 1 hour; from about 25 to about 35% tramadol released after 2 hours; from about 30 to about 45% tramadol released after 4 hours; from about 40 to about 60% after 8 hours; from about 55 to about 70% tramadol released after 12 hours; and from about 60 to about 75% tramadol released after 16 hours, by weight.

29. (New) The dosage form according to claim 1, which provides a $t_{max}$ from about 3 to about 6 hours.

30. (New) The dosage form according to claim 1, which provides a $W_{50}$ from about 10 to about 33 hours.

31. (New) A solid controlled release oral dosage form, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of tramadol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof incorporated into a matrix, said dosage form providing a therapeutic effect for at least about 12 hours.

32. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 31, wherein said matrix is a controlled release matrix.

33. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 31, wherein said matrix is overcoated with a controlled release coating.

34. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 33, wherein said matrix is a normal release matrix.

35. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 33, wherein said matrix is a controlled release matrix.

36. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 31, containing from about 50 to 400mg of tramadol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, calculated as the hydrochloride salt.

37. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 31, having a dissolution rate in vitro when measured using the Ph. Eur. Paddle Method at 100 rpm in 900 ml 0.1N hydrochloric acid at 37°C and using UV detection at 270 nm, from about 0 to about 50% tramadol released after 1 hour; from about 0 to about 75% tramadol released after 2 hours; from about 3 to about 95% tramadol released after 4 hours; from about 10 to about 100% after 8 hours; from about 20 to about 100% tramadol released after 12 hours; from about 30 to about 100% tramadol released after 16 hours; from about 50 to about 100% tramadol released after 24 hours; and greater than 80% tramadol released after 36 hours, by weight.

38. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 31, having a dissolution rate in vitro when measured using the Ph. Eur. Paddle Method at 100 rpm in 900 ml 0.1N hydrochloric acid at 37°C and using UV detection at 270 nm, from about 20 to about 50% tramadol released after 1 hour; from about 40 to about 75% tramadol released after 2 hours; from about 60 to about 95% tramadol released after 4 hours; from about 80 to about 100% after 8 hours; and from about 90 to about 100% tramadol released after 12 hours, by weight.

39. (New) The controlled release dosage form as claimed in claim 31, having a dissolution rate in vitro when measured using the Ph. Eur. Paddle Method at 100 rpm in 900 ml 0.1N hydrochloric acid at 37°C and using UV detection at 270 nm, from about 5 to about 50% tramadol released after 1 hour; from about 10 to about 75% tramadol released after 2 hours; from about 20 to about 95% tramadol released after 4 hours; from about 40 to about 100% after 8 hours; more than 50% tramadol released after 12 hours; more than 75% tramadol released after 18 hours; and more than 80% tramadol released after 24 hours, by weight.

40. (New) The dosage form according to claim 31, which provides a $t_{max}$ from about 1.5 to about 8 hours.

41. (New) A dosage form according to claim 31, which provides a $W_{50}$ from about 7 to about 16 hours.